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NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY WELLINGTON BRANCH NEWSLETTER  
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*NZCFS Wellington Branch - celebrating 60 years of promoting friendship, understanding and goodwill between the peoples of New Zealand and China*

**Newsletter May 2021**

**Next Branch Meeting: Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 6:30pm**

**Guest Speaker: Dee McDowall**

**Speaking on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Xiamen University  
and the Wellington Connection**



Dee McDowall, Xiada alumna, wife of the immediate past Branch President and past committee member of NZCFS Wellington Branch spent eight years studying at Xiamen University (Xiada), and two years teaching as a Mandarin Language Assistant of the Confucius Institute at Victoria University of Wellington.

Dee embraced Christianity while studying at Xiada and has fresh and in-depth knowledge of underground churches in Xiamen. Her presentation will be a combination of Xiada history and what it is famous for, combined with Dee's personal experience in Xiada, Xiada student fellowship, and a history of underground churches (then and now).

There will also be a fun taster of the mooncake gambling game that was traditionally played in Xiamen and is very popular amongst Xiada students.

*The following dates have been booked for the 2021 monthly meetings: Wednesdays 16/06 (guest speaker: Emily Swan), 21/07 (guest speaker: Lynette Shum), 18/08, 15/09, 20/10, and 17/11. Please book these dates in your calendar.*

Our monthly meetings are held at

### **Newtown School Hall**

Mein Street, Newtown, Wellington (off Riddiford Street, alongside Wellington Hospital).

The school is located on bus routes 1, 3, 12, 18e, 23, and 29.

There is plenty of carparking onsite, entry from Mein Street.



## **WELLINGTON BRANCH**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 21 APRIL 2021 REPORT**

The Annual General Meeting was held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 (prior to the normal monthly members' meeting).

At the AGM, the 2020 President, Chris Lipscombe, presented the President's Report in respect of the Wellington Branch's activities, achievements and reflections for 2020. He noted the significant impact of Covid on branch activities through 2020 but also noted the return to far more normal times in recent months.

The financial report for 2020/21 year was approved. Election of the officers of the Wellington Branch Committee for the 2021 Financial Year resulted in the following appointments (all appointments are valid for a 12 month period):

- President – Chris Lipscombe
- Vice President & Treasurer – Juping Zhou
- Secretary – Vera Xu
- Committee Members – Liqin Mi, Michael Dunwoodie

The only other significant order of business dealt with at the AGM were some, 'house-keeping', changes to the Rules of the Branch in order to keep the Rules up-to-date in the current circumstances.

Two changes to the Rules were passed, namely:

Rule Change - 1: Clause 8.2 – This clause was amended to allow for the removal of a Committee member/officer who does not attend three consecutive committee meetings without a valid reason.

## Rule Change - 2:

Clauses 9.2 (e) and (f), and, Clause 13.1 – These clauses were amended to allow the Committee to have discretion as to whether or not to appoint an Auditor and, if appointed, to determine payment (if any) for carrying out the Auditor duties.

Proposed changes to the membership fees for the year beginning 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 were also presented and discussed. Although no formal motion was put to approve these changes, there was general agreement that the proposed changes were acceptable.

Category	Proposed	Current
Student/unwaged	\$15	\$20
Single	\$25	\$25
Family	\$35	\$32
Organisation — proposed new category	\$50	n/a
Corporate —existing category to be removed	n/a	\$50
Institution — existing category to be removed	n/a	\$40

## BRANCH MEETING REPORT



Naisi Chen, Labour Member of Parliament, spoke at our April meeting about her work as a Labour Member of Parliament, her Chinese-New Zealand background, and her work in the community with various groups and organisations.

Since coming to New Zealand at the age of five from Beijing, Naisi Chen has become deeply rooted in New Zealand as a whole, as in the communities where she has lived and worked.

Naisi is the director of a business consultancy firm specialising in employment relations and HR matters and sits on the board of Foundation North, Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra and Aotearoa Chinese Legal Support Foundation. She is the Vice President of the youth wing of the NZ Labour Party – Young Labour, and also sits on the Youth Advisory Group of Philanthropy NZ.



Naisi is a choral conductor, chartered member of the Institute of Directors, former President of the New Zealand Chinese Students' Association, former advisory board member of NZ China Council, an alumna of the Office of Ethnic Communities Young Leaders Program, and recipient of the 2017 ANZ Community Spirit Award.

Based in the Botany Electorate, Naisi is involved in a range of public, private, philanthropy, community and creative activities across the Auckland Region.

Naisi talked to us about a very supportive environment she has enjoyed from more senior Labour MPs, and how she felt she has been able to bring a new and fresh perspective to the Labour Caucus.

At the age of 27, Naisi has achieved a lot already, and hopes to do more to contribute to policy-making nationwide in the future, on behalf of the wide range of communities of which she is a part.

## **NZCFS 2021 NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

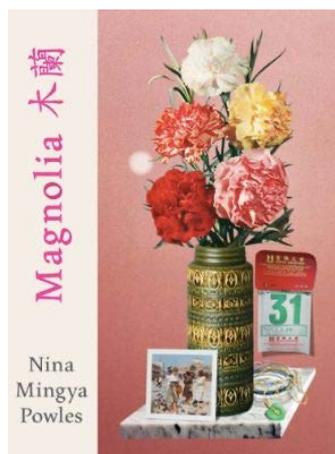
NZCFS 2021 National Conference and AGM will be held from the afternoon of Friday 21 May to midday on Sunday 23 May in Havelock North, in the sunny Hawkes Bay. Both events will be held at the Havelock North Community Centre in the centre of Havelock North and within walking distance of motels and restaurants.

The theme of the Conference is "What it means to be a friend of China", 作为中国的朋友意味着什么 (zuo wei zhongguode pengyou yi wei zhe shenme). More information about the National Conference can be found [here](#). All members are welcome to attend.

## MANDARIN CORNER (WELLINGTON)

Mandarin Corner (Wellington) is a weekly event where students learning Chinese meet with native speakers of Chinese for conversations and cultural activities in a friendly, relaxed setting, and is open to all levels. This year, Mandarin Corner is run online on Thursdays at 6pm. Zoom ID 660 699 6275. For more information follow the [CI Facebook](#).

## NINA POWLE'S POETRY BOOK MAGNOLIA



*Magnolia*, the new poetry collection by Wellington writer Nina Mingya Powles (27), was recently shortlisted for the Mary and Peter Biggs Award for Poetry as part of the Ockham NZ Book Awards. The poems include an exciting exploration of Nina's experiences of being mixed-race and trying to find her way through multiple languages: English, Mandarin, Hakka, and Māori.

For more information, see [New Poetry Collection Explores Mixed-race Experience](#). Nina's father Michael Powles was a former Wellington Branch President and remains an Honorary Adviser to the Wellington Branch committee.

## BRANCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

President:	Chris Lipscombe
Vice President and Treasurer:	Juping Zhou
Secretary:	Vera Xu
Committee Members:	Michael Dunwoodie, Liqin Mi
Immediate Past President:	Kirk McDowall
Honorary Advisors:	Luke Qin, Michael Powles
Life Members:	Michael Powles, Ray Brownrigg, Rob McKibbin, Bernie Richmond, Elaine Richmond, Christine Strickland, Luke Qin

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## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2021

You can complete the [online form](#) to join us or renew your membership, or complete the subscription form below.

I/We would like to renew/commence membership of the Wellington Branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society Inc. for 2021 (subscription period is January to December):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student (full time) | \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate     | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single              | \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional | \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family              | \$32 |  |      |

Name: .....  
(Surname) (Given names)

Spouse's/Partner's Name: .....  
(Surname) (Given names)

Address: .....  
(Postal Code)

Phone ..... Email .....

Contact Person for Organisations: .....

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### Payment total is as follows:

Membership Subscription	\$ .....
Donation	\$ .....
Total	\$ .....

### Payment method:

- Payment by Direct Credit to:  
New Zealand China Friendship Society  
ANZ Bank Account No 117200 0080836 11

Please add your name, reference "Subscription", and code "2021" to your direct credit payment and email your completed form to [wgtnczfs@gmail.com](mailto:wgtnczfs@gmail.com).

Please tick if receipt is required.

**Note: Donations over \$5 are tax-deductible.** Charitable Trust Registration No: CC27242

### PRIVACY STATEMENT

With the passing of the Privacy Act 2020, privacy protections for New Zealanders have been strengthened and there is a greater obligation on organisations like ours to take care of the information you share with us. We have adopted a privacy statement that describes how we will do this. If you have any questions about your privacy, please email the Secretary at [wgtnczfs@gmail.com](mailto:wgtnczfs@gmail.com). On acceptance of your membership subscription, you or the organisation you represent will become a member of the Wellington branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society Incorporated ("the Society"). Your membership will expire on the 31st of December of the year to which the membership applies ("the expiry date"). The information you provide on this membership subscription form ("the information") will be held by us electronically in a Register of Members as required by the Incorporated Societies Amendment Act 2005 and will be removed from the current Register of Members following the expiry date. The information will be used by us to tell you about member events and activities and to send you notices of meetings. The information will be held securely by us and will be available for you to view at any time on application to the Secretary. The information may be shared with our parent organisation the New Zealand China Friendship Society Incorporated. We will not disclose the information to any other parties, except where required by law. Non-current members will remain on our branch mailing list as supporters and we will continue to let you know about member events and activities. If you decide that you do not want to receive emails from us, you can 'unsubscribe' and we will remove you from our mailing list.